

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-9 remain pending in the above-referenced application and are submitted for the Examiner's reconsideration.

Claims 1, 4-6, and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 2,824,552 to Scheiterlein ("Scheiterlein"). Scheiterlein relates to the drive of a compressor, of a blower, and of a water pump of a two-stroke V-engine. In this context, Scheiterlein discusses the suitable mounting of the drive for the compressor to the engine, in order to rule out malfunctions with the drive of the blower and the water pump. Scheiterlein does not disclose activating a compressor for filling at least one cylinder during the running-down (i.e., coasting) of the internal combustion engine, the at least one cylinder coming to a stop in a position suitable for a subsequent direct start. In Scheiterlein, the running-down of the internal combustion engine is not considered, and therefore, the activation of the compressor during the running-down of the internal combustion engine is also not considered. The Examiner also does not start from the assumption that the compressor is activated during the running-down of the internal combustion engine, but rather assumes that the compressor is continuously operating. In addition, Scheiterlein also does not disclose any information regarding a direct start following the running-down of the internal combustion engine. A direct start, within the context of the claims, is to be understood as a start without the use of an auxiliary drive, by injection of fuel into a cylinder whose intake and exhaust valves are closed, and subsequent ignition by a spark. Therefore, in contrast to the comments of the Examiner, the direct start should especially not be mistaken for a conventional starting procedure that employs an electric starter. However, not every position of a cylinder is suitable for a direct start. Therefore, contrary to the remarks of the Examiner, not every position of a cylinder is, in the invention of claim 1, suitable for a subsequent direct start. Consequently, the identification of a cylinder having a position suitable for a subsequent direct start is in no way known from Scheiterlein, in which the Examiner says that a conventional electric starter is used. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

It is therefore respectfully requested that the objections and rejections be withdrawn,  
and that the present application issue as early as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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